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Division Two Leadership



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John E. Burreson DCDR 130-02

Greetings Division 2 Auxiliarists,

The kids are back in school, the days are getting shorter, the leaves are falling and that can only mean one thing — USCG Auxiliary Elections are right around the corner.

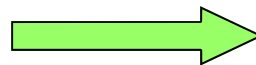
WE NEED YOU, the member, to not only consider an elected or appointed leadership role yourself by taking an active role in the election process by voting for the best candidates. After the votes have been tallied, the bridges elect will build their staff and plot their courses for areas of responsibility in the coming year. At the various levels of leadership, the bridges will be reviewing their rolls and considering the strengths of various members — including you. If approached for additional responsibility, please carefully consider the need we have for great people like you to fill these positions. Those who can, do. Be a part of this statement if your skills, time and energy allow.

Once you step into this new role, you will not be alone or on your own. Look to the previous keepers of the gate. You should always receive a physical material handoff regarding the status of where the job is currently, what has been done, and, in the eyes of the previous officer, what still needs to be done. The Chain of Leadership and the concept of parallel staffing can also greatly assist you in your new job. Wonderful nuggets of wisdom can be gleaned by communicating both up and down the chain for your particular office.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, or Noel Paterson our Division Vice Commander, or those more directly in your leadership track with question about where opportunities and needs may lie. Over the next couple of months begin to carefully consider how you can best serve. Don't wait for others; be a mover and shaker!

Yours in service, John E. Burreson
Division Commander 130-02, USCGA

ELECTIONS



In DIVISION 2 ARE COMING Tuesday 10 November

NEW ELECTION CRITERIA

The parameters for qualification to run for elected officer positions are spelled out in the Auxiliary Manual (AUX Man) COMDTINST M16790.1F. Every Auxiliarist should have a copy of this manual and become acquainted with how to use it as a standard reference for Coast Guard Auxiliary policy.

The only changes since 2007 are in office titles and a course qualification adjustment noted by CHIDIRAUX regards an FLA alternative to having passed the Administrative Procedures Course (APC.) The following excerpt came down from the CHDIRAUX office on 30 July 2009.

"...The Flotilla Leadership Academy (FLA) has been offered on a very limited trial basis since its initial application this past spring. It is a comprehensive leadership training course, the effective core of which is the APC. Detailed information about its availability both in classroom and online versions will soon be available through the Auxiliary Department of Training. Auxiliarists who have successfully completed the FLA in its limited application thus far shall be recognized as having met FC and VFC elected office eligibility criteria, in lieu of successful completion of the APC."

Facing WEB 2.0 Tweets and ‘Wicked Problems’

by B. J. Schiesswohl SO-PB 02-02

How about a short, admittedly soft look at Knowledge Management (KM) tools as electronic vehicles for forward thinking Auxiliarists? Among the newer social networking and information collaboration and collection electronic tools is the Coast Guard’s MII and a DIRAUX-created version modified particularly for Auxiliarists, the “Auxiliary Innovation Idea and Project Workspace.”



AUX Photo/ BJ Schiesswohl
CDR Michael A. Billeaudeaux, USCG
Director of the Auxiliary, 13th District

In late September of last year (2008) the Commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard, Thad Allen, made his stance abundantly clear when he ordered his service to get in Web 2.0. His concern was that all of Team Coast Guard, and especially his Senior Officers, be apprised of current communication technology. *“We need to understand that this is a permanent feature of our environment and we need to understand how to operate in it.”*, he announced in his YouTube message.

Since that time, D-13 Director of the Auxiliary, CDR Michael A. (Andre) Billeaudeaux has been tickling our interest with glimpses of MOODLE sub site MII which he has modified to allow all Auxiliarists to participate. Billeaudeaux’s modification of the Coast Guard’s Maritime Information Initiative (MII) has been set up through use of the Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) Web 2.0 program. Auxiliarists first open a CHDS account, then proceed by password to the private Auxiliary MII site. This appears to be one very tangible answer to Admiral Thad Allen’s challenge that his people know how this current technology functions.

A few weeks ago, at the District 13 Fall Conference held in Tukwila, Washington, our DIRAUX, CDR Michael A. (Andre) Billeaudeaux was introduced at the morning session by National Area Commodore-Pacific Victor (Vic) Connell, ARCO-P as one of the best District 13 Directors of the Auxiliary the we have had in recent times, adding that he “stays out of the sandbox.” Instead, he, and his DIRAUX office team work relentlessly to improve information stability, performance, recruitment and retention. Have you been following the excellent series *“The Importance of Telling Your Auxiliary Story”* in recent quarterly issues of the D-13 newsletter *Buoy 13*? If so, you now probably know what the acronym ‘KM’ is short for. You’ve probably made effort to understand that careful explanation for ‘Knowledge Management.’ In the last of CDR Billeaudeaux’s 3-part essay where made point on the state of modern journalism (which state causes some of us with generations of print media pioneers in our genes to shudder) delves into issues sur- continued on page 11

Synchronizing Team Coast Guard Heartbeats Calls For Especial CPR

By Bonnie J. Schiesswohl SO-PB 02-02



AUX Photos/ Scott Dittberner FL 02-04

Above, l. to r., CPT Suzanne Englebert, Bob Hayes Asst. ASC and Mary Ann Chapman ASC hold the Sector Seattle Heartbeat Poster. **Below**, CDR Andre Billeaudeau tells a painful early CG seaman training tale with witty candor. (CDR Corey Barner, in front row, listens.)



Weather was still warm and clear on the morning of 19 September 2009 in Tukwila, Washington.

As usual, short speaker messages followed Division Officer Reports and D-13 Elections. Kenneth Hailey, USCG, the DIR-AUX storekeeper, and CDR Corey Barner, Executive Officer at CHDIRAUX, CG HQTRS, shared useful information for D-13 Auxiliarists. Then came the appetizer to the main course — CDR Michael A. (Andre) Billeaudeau, DIRAUX, with his funny yet painful recall of the early disciplines of Coast Guard life, and at sea, learning with others to “mind your helms.”

Motivating as she always is, CAPT Suzanne Englebert, USCG Sector Seattle, Captain of the Port, served her Saturday morning ‘main course’ message with, first, an opportunity to stretch. And so we did, in relieved unison.

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This was good exercise for her straight talk that followed as our Team Coast Guard Operational Commander (TCGOC.)

Briefly, she delineated the tasking and differences between the four groupings comprising the team. 1.) Active Duty. Though transient, they understand their duties come with 100% accountability. 2.) Reservists. They have surge capability, are temporary, and become effective after about three days' notice. 3.) Civilian employees. They have clear knowledge of their duty but are not oppositional players. 4.) Auxiliarists. They are what the Captain calls "semper gum" — the flexible professionals; the "mortar" to the Active Duty and Reserve who are the "bricks." "Auxiliarists, she said, "are willing to do what no one else in the Coast Guard is able to do." ("wacky things" because Auxiliarists have skills learned in venues that most regular Coast Guard service personnel have not had opportunity to experience.) Oh yes, and then there are the other Government agencies, the adjuncts to the team workforce. "There is no part that can't be there," she emphasized.

RECRUITMENT AND AUXILIARIST APPEARANCE

Eventually, her straight talk landed on the topics that are ongoing Auxiliarist issues. "How do you recruit (effectively)", she asked, following with several specific advisements. 1.) Look the Part — wear your uniform well — otherwise wear civvies; i.e., if a male Auxiliarist has a pony tail, wearing civvies would be preferable. 2.) Keep the (recruiting) message clear and simple.

CPR for the HEARTBEAT OF SEATTLE'S PORTS AND WATERWAYS

Collaboration. People. Readiness. These are the partnered words for the CPR term. Both internal and external **collaboration** is necessary. **People** must be valued for who they are as individuals and what they have to offer. **Readiness** requires educating them. Englebert favors the concept of A+. Excellence. Hence, we may conclude that this clustered 'CPR' tasking for is expected to rise to a delta level of capability.

OTHER EVENTS



AUX Photo/ Scott Dittberner FL 02-04

Frank McJunkins, DSO-CM briefed Communications Officers on the pending digital radio challenges that will soon affect District 13. McJunkins has struggled with Communication equipment and location issues for a while now but has held on with dogged determination to assist the needs of the CG and USCGA.

The Saturday evening meeting was simple. No speaker. Dinner concluded with District Commodore Dennis Hoppman offering fellowship opportunity time in the COMO Hospitality Room, as was done the night previous.

One notable Auxiliary guest to the conference was National Area Commodore — Pacific, Victor (Vic) Connell, ARCO-P.

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National Area Commodore — Pacific, Victor (Vic) Connell.



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SHRINKING FUNDS PLAY DIMINISHING ROLE IN D-13 FALL CONFERENCE TURNOUT

As the weakened economy poses challenges to all government agencies and military budgets, so do the Auxiliary's funds shrink, affecting voluntary attendance to various formal Auxiliary events that have been widely attended in the past.

The 2009 District 13 Conference was not exempt from the effects of the national financial woes that have led citizens to cut way, way back on spending. According to newscasts, there has been a nationwide trend for several years now among the nations citizens to be highly selective on how personal budget monies are spent — if, indeed, there *is* any extra money to spend. And then, this year, many lost portions or all of their savings and/or investment projections.

For the Auxiliary, a necessarily reduced budget has meant that only certain elected officers, and a few other Auxiliarists and conference guests were financially covered by the Auxiliary's D-13 budget for travel and accommodations during the conference weekend at the Doubletree Suites in Tukwila, Washington. Officers, living less than 50 miles distant, though required to attend for assorted reasons, received only their travel mileage. This caused a minor impact on the senior citizen Auxiliary officers who were required to be present, and whom, in the past, would have been provided private rest and recovery facilities during breaks in the day not to mention the necessity of making a half dozen commute trips home and back.

One would guess, given the lowering attendance, that other Auxiliarists, who have sometimes use their 'vacation' funds to attend district conferences, are now choosing to use their money otherwise. Yet, Auxiliarists continue to volunteer, though some perks are dwindling. Indeed, Auxiliarists are frequently asked, even by Active Duty personnel, *"Why do you do it?"* Though "satisfaction" is an often heard answer, there really is no common response. As Peter F. W. Raiswell, DCOS will attest, there is no one common answer. In his District 13 Chief of Staff Report printed in *Buoy 13* this summer, he wrote *"...we have just about as many reasons for being involved as we have members. Each of our motivations to join and stay involved are as unique and personal as we are as individuals."* ■

TWILIGHT ZONES Twilight is the time preceding sunrise and again following sunset, when the sky is partially illuminated. **CIVIL** twilight occurs when the Sun is between the horizon and 6 degrees below the horizon (bth) and horizon clearly defined; **NAUTICAL** twilight occurs when the sun is between 6 and 12 degrees bth and horizon is indistinct; **ASTRONOMICAL** twilight occurs when the Sun is between 12 and 18 degrees bth and sky illumination is imperceptible. [Definitions from the Old Farmer's Almanac, 2008 Edition.]

KEEPING BOATING SAFETY IN MIND



No matter what the demands to balance direct and indirect support needs with the traditional missions of making the boating public safer, there will always be the call for help from the boating public who need to learn the Rules of the Road out on our Northwest waterways and oceans.

The personal flotation device (pfd) we now just commonly call the lifejacket remains a core safety device that cannot get too much educational attention. In the photo at right, taken at the D-13 conference, National Photo Corps photographer Scott Dittberner FL 02-04, has captured images from a poster board display illustrating the fitting of life jackets.





Coastie's Charisma Boosts Flotilla 24 Public Education Children's Program



AUX Photo/ Keith Harding FL 02-05

Above, the sleepy-eyed Coastie waits drowsily as Thomas J. (Tom) Stiller FSO-VE 02-05 applies his crucially needed skills to get Coastie awake and ready to work.

Harding, DSO-PE, and his wife Bonita (Bonnie) Harding, State Liaison-Washington, we can expect to see the little blue and white tug with the sophisticated voice-altering technology show up at various unit and public affair events throughout Division 2 in addition to the PE outreach events directed specifically toward water safety for kids.

In addition to Coastie, the Children's Program also has a new instructor put



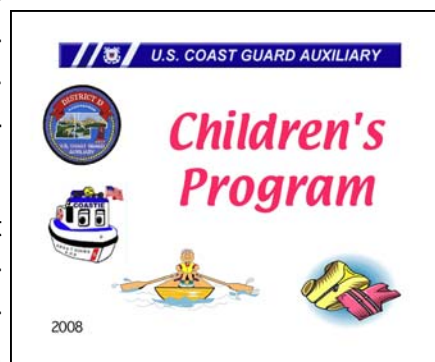
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Above left, Coastie is already at work, making friends among this anonymous group of admirers at the Burien Fire Department's recent Safety Fair. **Above right,** Coastie makes his D-13 debut upon his entrance at conclusion of the Fall Conference 19 September Saturday morning session.

One of the Auxiliary's beloved radio-controlled Coasties has recently taken up companionship with Flotilla 02-05.

Only a few months ago, Division 2 did not have a radio controlled Coastie among any of the four extant flotillas. They do not come cheaply. Remote operated tugboats like Coastie cost an impressive investment of funds. Not surprising then that there are less than 50 in the nation's Auxiliary units.

The Public Education (PE) funds collected over many years through FL 02-05 member dues, and the marginal profits from the many PE classes and PE course book sales, have now been poured back into the community for the good of public boating safety. Lucky timing for Susan M. (Sue) Stiller, ADSO-PE, and the IPFC of 02-05 who is the newly appointed leader of the Children's Boating Safety Program. According to Keith



together by longtime Public Education instructors,

Keith and Bonnie Harding. The Hardings hope to distribute most of the softbound guides to unit folk for a modest donation fee of \$5.00. ■



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IN STEP and IN BALANCE

B.J. Schiesswohl SO-PB 02-02



Keeping in choreographed steps with the Commandant's policies can prove an enormous challenge to the volunteer force known most commonly as 'Auxiliarists' — especially if they have "two left feet" when it comes to dancing with the military organization's changes as fast as they can.



Indeed, there may be confusion across the expanse of member ages and Auxiliary experiences as to just what they are supposed to be doing — and controversy among some about what they should, or should not, be doing.

District Chief of Staff Peter F. W. Raiswell travels throughout District 13 to keep in touch with his charges in the various divisions. He converses with unit officers and members in widely varying regional settings, all whom indicate a whole spectrum of reasons for freely donating their time and service as Auxiliarists. In his get-down article in *Buoy 13's* Summer Issue 2009, Raiswell politely prods Auxiliarists to think about, "*What Are We Supposed To Be Doing?*"

It is one thing to know the priorities, and quite another to implement them. As Raiswell so well points out, "*As leaders (Flotilla Commanders up through Commodore) our task is to make sure that we serve our members by ensuring we present all the opportunities in an even-handed manner.*"

With an equal presentation of information to all members of a unit, and with the provision of equal opportunity to participate, Raiswell thinks "*our missions will benefit and our members will benefit.*" He also pointed to the value of mentoring, which happens to be of top interest of current Division Commander, John Burreson DCDR 02 whose task is to oversee the concerns of all four flotillas in Division 2. [Division 2 took the collective Personnel Services Award this year.] ■

Following is a portion of the Commandant's statement about our missions, retrieved by D-13 Chief of Staff, Peter Raiswell and quoted in his recent article:

“Fittingly, the core strategic purpose of the Auxiliary is to continuously hone its expertise to perform three prioritized functions:

- (1) Promote and improve recreational boating safety;**
- (2) Support Coast Guard maritime homeland security efforts; and**
- (3) Support the Coast Guard's operational, administrative, and logistical requirements.”**

[NOTE: NACO's strategic vision statement presents a modified collation of these three policies.]

UNIFORM ISSUES

ANSWERS TO RECENT UNIFORM-RELATED QUESTIONS

UNTUCKED OPERATIONAL DRESS UNIFORMS

Per CHDIRAUX, there have been procurement problems for all elements of the Coast Guard workforce in obtaining the Untucked version of the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU.) Currently, only new members may order them due to the large demand by both Reservists and Auxiliarists. When the supplies increase, sales will open up to all Auxiliarists. As of 25 June, order placement requires these steps:

- (1.) The Auxiliarist must out the UDC Standard Uniform Order Form (found on the UDC website (<http://www.uscg.mil/uniform/>))
- (2.) The Auxiliarist's Flotilla Commander must fill out the authorization memo provided by CHDIRAUX, preferably on Flotilla/Auxiliary letterhead.
- (3.) The Auxiliarist must then fax the said UDC form to the UDC. (no phone or web orders)
- (4.) ODU orders received and processed this way will be shipped via USPS priority mail (not FEDEX.)

AUXILIARY SEW-ON QUALIFICATION INSIGNIA

On 23 September 2009 CHDIRAUX clarified that:

The Coast Guard Auxiliary sew-on qualification insignia announced in ALAUX 033/09 are authorized for wear on the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU), Working Blue, and Hot Weather Uniform (but only the CG dark blue short-sleeve shirt alternative) described in the AUX Man Commandant Instruction M16790.1 series. Details on sew-on qualifications as well as regarding the sew-on AUXOP device are found in the 045/09 CHDIRAUX-L instructions. You should be able to get the accurate details from your unit Member Training Officer, Chief of Staff, or Flotilla Commander.

[NOTE: The AUX sew-on insignia with black "A" for ODU's and working blues was expected to start arriving at CG Exchanges and to the online District Materials Store in August. Current status of these has not been verified.

BODY PIERCING, MARKING AND TATTOOS

A message came down from COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON on 3 September to AMTCM Sampson, Command Master Chief, Sector Seattle, and forwarded "widely" to Captain Englebert and All Sector members because "it is good for all military members and those who supervise them." ALCOAST 505/09, COMDTNOTE 01050 addresses updated policy regarding "Tattoo, Body Marking, Body Piercing, and Mutilation," COMDTINST 1000.1B.

Significant changes to the policy, immediately cancelling reference 1000.1A. Significant changes to this policy include:

- (Quote) A. The elimination of the 25 percent coverage restriction.
 B. Authorization for one ring tattoo per hand.
 C. Authorization for wear of permanent eyeliner by female members.
 D. Authorization for tattoos on the neck so long as they are not visible above the collar of the light blue shirt.

An electronic version of this directive will be located on the Coast Guard Directives System intranet site at:
<http://cgweb2.comdt.uscg.mil/cgdirectives/>

SERVICE DRESS BLUE (ALPHA) UNIFORM NO LONGER AUTHORIZED

A reminder. CHDIRAUX-L announced 9 June that the Service Dress Blue (ALPHA) Uniform is no longer authorized as an Auxiliary uniform. The Auxiliary National Board approved the recommendation last January and the Chief Director approved the National Board's action. Usage of the ALPHA was actually discontinued several years ago but now it is no longer authorized to wear.

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rounding the information age evolution which has been clearly evident here in 2009 in Seattle, Washington. In fact, Billeaudeaux's article, Part-Three, uses the stopped presses at the Seattle Post Intelligencer (PI) to exemplify the emerging practice of managing knowledge electronically versus on paper.

Technology, tied to 'green' ecology, while gradually expelling the traditional dimensions of paper and ink printing, touts value-added opportunities for information interaction. In his essay CDR Billeaudeaux cites an editorial by one Joel Connelly of the PI who had an upside view of this sociological switch in news dissemination. According to the Commander, Connelly suggests that this said transfer to online information (with interactive links providing readership commentary) may actually become a 'vehicle for empowerment.' In point, the PI still reports news and opinions but additionally provides a forum for reader input via links wherein they can post their comments and interact with a broad and eclectic readership group.

According to CDR Andre Billeaudeaux, it was only in 2005 that the new academic discipline of 'Knowledge Management' (KM) came forth as a core concept so said as to take a 'democratic approach' to information storage and distribution. (It is referenced by Billeaudeaux as being 'democratic' because a single webmaster does not screen and control the content.)

Looking at the upside opportunities that attend this information age shift into electronic communication uses, Commander Billeaudeaux points to the wealth of information to be garnered from longtime members of



*"Can you hear
all of us now?"*

the Auxiliary. Some of these hold what he refers to as "critical knowledge" and the lack thereof, he has observed, has the potential of crippling a flotilla unit. Were some of this experience/knowledge somehow stored and made retrievable, it could conceivably aid the units via KM tooling. Furthermore, as a KM tool, "valuable insights" could be interactively shared, redundant work could be eliminated and member training streamlined.

More intriguing, a practical use for KM could be the collective solving of a 'wicked problem' which is defined by the online interactive Wikipedia encyclopedia as "a problem that is difficult or nearly impossible to solve because of contradictory, incomplete or murky requirements." These can be addressed inside of MII via a WIKI site that allows visitors to contribute additions and corrections. (One well known WIKI site is Wikipedia, the online 'living' encyclopedia

program-designed to permit site visitors to change or enhance the information.)

Commander Billeaudeaux points to the Coast Guard's Maritime Innovation Initiative (MII) as one type of innovation community in the evolving KM trend. As mentioned earlier in this article, he modified the standard MII so as to offer an Auxiliarist-friendly version of the Innovation Initiative which is accessible to all Auxiliarists, not limited to those who hold CG web accounts. This "Auxiliary Innovation Idea and Project Workspace" has been available to Auxiliarists for a while now but has been slow to pique interest. To boost Auxiliarist participation, DIRAUX recently selected Joseph R. (Joe) Engel of 130-07-06 as his DIRAUX Admin Assistant-Innovation (D-AA-I.) Engel invites Auxiliarists to e-mail him on this at: aux@jre.com.

Ironically, one 'wicked problem' that use of the MII poses is that Knowledge Management online among Auxiliarists brushes against ticklish information issues that are tangled with elusive elements of Information Security (IS.) So it is that with the growth of all new electronic tools for interactive information sharing, new IS issues have correspondingly spawned a spate of directives, i.e., ALCOAST 548/08

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Social Media-Unofficial Internet Posts; ALCOAST 149/08-CG Operations Security (OPSEC); ALCOAST 431/05 OPSEC. In addition, there are now Coast Guard OPSEC posters to remind that the adversary is "listening, watching, and reading."

OPSEC provides a decision flowchart for use when reviewing articles. Several points on the chart include the 'tests' of whether the information you are putting out there is widely known public knowledge and moves to reducing the article's detail to only what is necessary. With KM 'empowerment' much can be said, but with no guarantee or reasonable assurance that what is put out there to read by virtually anyone will not endanger the defense of the nation. This poses an enormous intractable problem which may be prove difficult to manipulate, even with the collective wisdom of KM participants, who may, or may not, have pertinent OPSEC training. ■

NOTE: The Seattle Post-Intelligencer was just one of several very large newspapers across the nation in 2009 to cease hard copy publication. In solemnity, P-I Publisher Roger Oglesby's photograph covered the front page of the final issue which headlined, "*P-I Presses Fall Silent.*" Painted on the curving wall of the staircase Oglesby was ascending was a piquant quote from Thomas Jefferson. "... *Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.*"

For DIRAUX's AUX version of MII: Please visit <http://www.chds.us/?special/info&pgm=Maritime>

USCGA on Facebook: Sign up for Facebook to connect with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (google it)

USCGA on Twitter: Follow the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary online by visiting <http://twitter.com/uscgaux>

Interagency OPSEC Support Staff (IOSS) : For OPSEC security guidelines please visit www.iooss.gov

Making Safety a Top Boating Priority



The U. S. Coast Guard's Seattle Public Affairs office cannot remind the boating public too many times. Being safe is a concept for the Coast Guard themselves as well as the public. ("You must come back") You are urged to make safety a top priority, e.g., be safe, come back safe.

The unpleasant figures have been tallied. There were 64 fatalities and 162 injuries stemming from the recreational boating accidents in the Pacific Northwest in 2008. (Nationwide figures recorded by the Coast Guard indicate 4,789 recreational boating accidents, 3,331 injuries among them, and a grim 709 deaths in all, not to mention about \$54 million in damages.)

Like a needle stuck on one of those vintage records, we hear "LIFE JACKETS: Life Jackets save lives!" This is because the message is so valuable. Not only do life jackets improve a person's chance for survival, especially here in chilly Northwest waters, statistics support that two-thirds of all boating accident victims drowned, and of them 90 percent were not wearing a life jacket. Children under the age of 12, weighing less than 90 pounds, are required by law to wear one.

Other advisories: File a float plan (www.floatplancentral.org). Stay sober. Have a marine band VHF-FM radio (cell phones cannot be depended on for reception.) Practice situational awareness, i.e., know the limitations of your vessel; get a free Vessel Safety Check (VSC); be aware of the tides and currents; keep a watchful eye on the children aboard your vessel; be aware of all things around you. Don't forget there are Electronic Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) and Personal Position Indicating Radio Beacons (PPIRBs) that, when activated to send a signal to the Coast Guard, could save your life. Always wear a life jacket.

LIFE JACKETS SAVE LIVES!



Commandant Revisits 'Guardian Ethos' in Coast Guard's History

—— Original Message ——

From: Allen, Thad Admiral

Subj: Commandant's All-Hands: Coast Guard Day 2009

(forwarded to ALAUX by CHDIRAUX 4 Aug 2009 — 031/09)

To the Men and Women of the U.S. Coast Guard:

This message to you is longer than normal, but I urge you to take some time to read this and reflect on our past and future.

Coast Guard Day provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the parallels between historical events and our current activities. The concept of a "Coast Guard" is a unique product of the American Revolution - a blend of previous naval and customs functions that had never been assigned to a single entity.

Two-hundred and nineteen years ago, Alexander Hamilton created a modest service to collect revenue to sustain our fledgling Nation. Envisioning the need for a more robust federal maritime presence, he directed the first Revenue Cutter captains to ensure the safety of life at sea, preserve our maritime sovereignty, and facilitate maritime commerce while treating their countrymen with respect. He also foresaw the need for risk management and flexibility to meet emerging demands.



A brilliant visionary, Hamilton knew change was coming. Today, the nations of this world are coming to understand the relevance, value, and indispensability of a maritime presence capable of exerting and ensuring national sovereignty. While larger nations have a requirement to project naval sea power, most nations are (or should be) concerned with the depletion of living marine resources, the safe and secure development of offshore oil and gas industries, illegal migration, drug and other contraband trafficking, and the use of the global commons for piracy, or to further extremist ideologies through sea-based terrorist and criminal activities. We exist today because this was understood for the first time two centuries ago by the First Guardian.

Our path to the present has at times been difficult. Throughout our history, the Coast Guard has undergone significant organizational changes driven by vital national interests that have altered and expanded our missions. Each change brought anxiety, uncertainty, and a level of apprehension. Change is never easy. As we navigate through our current challenges, we should remember that even before they were officially promulgated, our enduring values - honor, respect, and devotion to duty - held the Service together through previous modernization and recapitalization efforts, as well as shift in our safety, security and stewardship missions. We are wise to learn from our proud history as we build a powerful future.

Modernization isn't a new idea. When Ellsworth Bertholf became Captain-Commandant of the Revenue Cutter Service in 1911, he faced a Presidential commission which recommended splintering the Service because it was too multi-functional. Bertholf successfully countered that a multi-mission agency would achieve greater efficiencies and then went a step further to embrace the Secretary of Treasury's recommendation to merge with the Life-Saving Service. Combining the military cuttermen with the civilian lifesav-

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USCG Photo

Admiral Thad W. Allen
Commandant, United States Coast Guard

ers was a daunting task rife with skepticism. Two vastly different cultures had to unite for a common purpose. Our predecessors made it work, and in 1915 the modern Coast Guard was born.



Our current challenge to recapitalize is not new either. Captain Alexander Fraser, the first military Commandant of the Revenue Marine in the 1840s, pushed the fleet to transition from wood hulled sailing vessels to iron steamers. Fraser's initiative put the Revenue Marine at the forefront of federal efforts to develop steam propulsion and eventually led to a recapitalized and more-efficient Service. Likewise, our first surfmen used oars to muscle their way through storms right up to the 20th century. It wasn't until 1899 when Revenue Marine Lieutenant C.H. McClellan designed the first motor lifeboat. A true skunk-works project - it was a 2-cylinder, 12 horsepower engine with twin reversible propellers - but it worked, and the lessons learned contributed to the development of the famous 36-foot motor lifeboat. Acquisition, construction, and integration of capital assets are difficult tasks, but with each innovation we increase our ability to protect, defend, and save.



“... our first surfmen used oars to muscle their way through storms right up to the 20th century.”

Protecting the maritime public is at the heart of our safety mission. After multiple steamship disasters, the federal government created the U.S. Steamboat Inspection Service in 1838, formally acknowledging the need for a federal marine safety role. Highlighting just how complex and vital this mission area was to our economy and war-efforts, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9083 in 1942. For the first time in history, all of the federal government's marine safety functions were consolidated under one multi-mission organization, the U.S. Coast Guard. Conceived in peace but consecrated during war, our marine safety mission reflected the Nation's constant need to protect lives and property.

The Coast Guard traces its national security and defense roots back to 1790. During the Quasi-War with France, the Revenue Marine cutters were the only war ships able to defend our maritime sovereignty prior to the reestablishment of the Navy. This role reemerged in World War I following the horrific explosion at Black Tom Island, a munitions depot in New York Harbor. German saboteurs were suspected because Black Tom Island was a vital transfer station for Allied weapons destined for the battlefields of France. Through the Espionage Act of 1917, Congress empowered the Coast Guard to prevent sabotage on merchant shipping and cargo, eventually leading to the creation of our Captain of the Port Authority. Each forged during conflict, our safety and security missions have remained intertwined - stronger and more effective in concert than they are alone.

As Guardians, we are stewards of the marine environment. After Alaska was acquired in 1867, the Revenue Cutter LINCOLN was dispatched to police this new frontier. Private enterprises quickly discovered Alaska's treasure trove of natural resources and it was only the Revenue Marine that protected the

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Restructure of National Organization Fulfills Change Promise

Citing the ancient Heraclitus (540-480 BC), the Auxiliary's National Commodore Nicholas Kerigan would remind us that *"The only constant is change."* Moreover, NACO draws on the father of medicine, Hippocrates (ca 460-377 BC), for his first point in explaining the changes that attend the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's modernization and consolidation moves. *"Do no harm."*



CG Photo
Nicholas Kerigan
NACO, USCGA

Those privileged to attend NACON in Chicago this now-past summer heard the announcement straight from the horses mouth, so to speak, when COMO Nicholas (Nick) Kerigan revealed the major restructuring changes that will allow the Auxiliary to better interconnect with the U. S. Coast Guard as it proceeds into its modernization track. Facilitation of readiness and performance, with room for future changes, is what its all about. But Kerigan is sensitive to the realities of changes impact people and notes that *"Change made for the sake of change is bad and often frustrating."* On the other hand, *"Change is an important part of the job. Leaders need not apologize for making change."*

From the Coast Guard's point of view, "Change is a strategic imperative...", he says. For the Auxiliary, this is about being "ready to meet the challenges of the future to better serve the needs of the Coast Guard, the Boating public, our members and our county." COMO Kerigan was sure to make the point that *"The Auxiliary's primary focus is still Boating Safety."*

A slew of two-star Deputy National Commodores have been established and the Department Chiefs and the Deputy Chiefs will now be called Directors and Deputy Directors. (Do these name changes bring to mind the changes here in the 13th District last year?, i.e., Division Captains became Division Commanders, etc.) The Functional Alignment Diagram for this restructured organization will be found on page 19.

[NOTE: *True North News* has drawn from the COMO's report printed in National's Auxiliary magazine, *Navigator*, and a National USCGA Public Affairs article by Thomas (Tom) Nunes for much of the information in this article.]

Per the Chief of Staff, VADM John Currier, COS, modernization progress for the U.S. Coast Guard's Maintenance and Logistics Commands (MLCs) and Integrated Support Commands means nomenclature and transitional tasking and responsibility changes this month. (No existing processes, procedures, locations or POCs change with the disestablishment of the MLCs and ISCs on October 1st. What does change are their titles, and in some cases, to which unit structure they report, i.e., ISC will now be known as BSU (a base support unit.) ISC Health Services Divisions become PSC Health Safety and Work Life Field Offices (HSWL FOs.) In all, there are nine categorical changes effective 1 October 2009 that are delineated in the ALAUX 22 September message by VADM John P. Currier, forwarded from CHDIRAUX as 044/09.

TRAVEL CLAIM ADVICE FROM THE DIRAUX STOREKEEPER



Have you been stumped by the way the Coast Guard wants you fill out the Travel Voucher Form 1351?

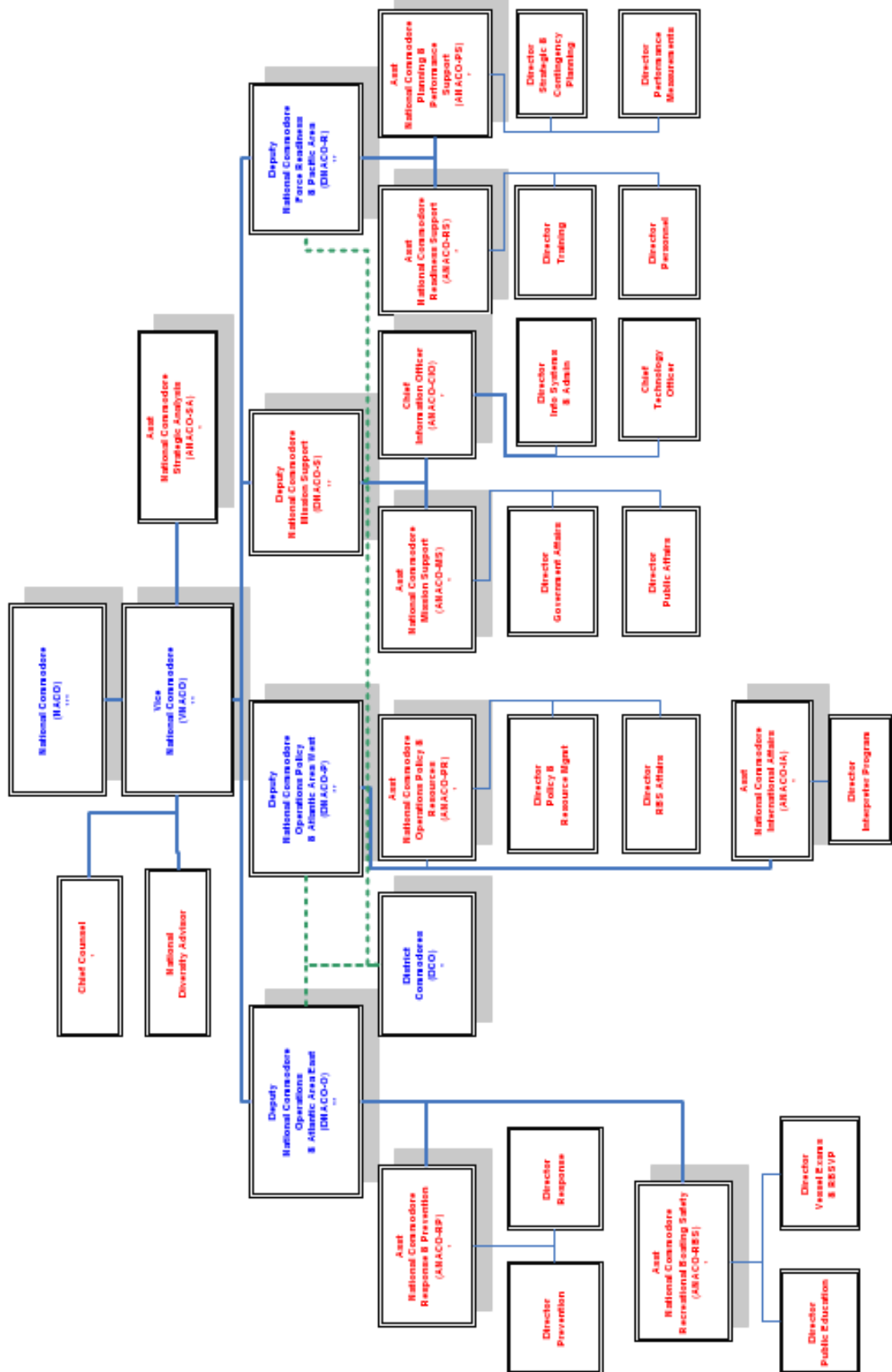
Storekeeper Kenneth Hailey wants you to know help is at hand. Hailey, who spoke briefly on this at the D-13 Fall Conference, would point you to YouTube. Assisting, University of Washington student Corey Christiansen, one of four Summer 2009 DIRAUX interns, has provided these two

internet URL sources to assist you in getting to the information:

For Ken's travel claim video, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QfG1F6P4RVo>

For the D-13 Auxiliary YouTube channel, visit <http://www.youtube.com/d13aux>

Coast Guard Auxiliary
 Functional Alignment Diagram
 12 August 2009



Commandant Revisits 'Guardian Ethos' in Coast Guard's History... continued from page 16

vast salmon stocks, seal population, and indigenous people from exploitation. Following the tragic EXXON VALDEZ oil spill in 1990, Congress passed the Oil Protection Act (OPA 90) issuing one of the biggest legislative mandates in Coast Guard history. While broad in scope and impact, OPA 90 reaffirmed and strengthened the Coast Guard's existing stewardship mission that had been in place since the LINCOLN plied Prince William Sound.

As you can see, our current challenges have strong historical roots. On this Coast Guard Day, we stand at another inflection point in our proud Service history. Our predecessors made course corrections amidst tumultuous circumstances but they never lost touch with Alexander Hamilton's charge and their values. Each time, we maintained a true heading and emerged stronger and better positioned to meet new demands. As Hamilton envisioned, a Guardian Ethos remains fixed in our organizational DNA, providing the strength, support and structure to guide our efforts. Our proud history stabilizes the Service so we can build a powerful future as America's Maritime Guardian.

Thank you for your tremendous dedication to the Coast Guard and the Nation. We are writing our history each day and each of you has a hand on the pen.

Admiral T. W. Allen

Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

How to Stay Abreast of the CG's "Mission Support" Modernization

Vice Admiral John P. Currier, our immediate past Commodore of the 13th Coast Guard District, has, in his 044/09 ALAUX message from CHDIRAUX given us a review of the modernization changes for MLC and ISC units on 1 October 2009. VADM Currier invites Auxiliarists to visit the new "Mission Support" portal for graphics mapping the new organization, for contacts in the logistics and service centers, and for the overall ongoing progress.

Please visit "Mission Support" at <https://cgportal.uscg.mil/lotus/myquickr/dcms-/library>

NEW COASTAL PATROL BOAT COMMISSIONED



Naval Base Kitsap-Keyport, Washington was the site of the 18 September 2009 commissioning of the CGC Cutter Sea Fox, WPB 87374.

The 87-foot coastal patrol boat has joined the patrol boat Sea Devil which was newly commissioned in June 2008. Both are assigned to Coast Guard Maritime Force Protection Unit Bangor, Washington. They will serve as dedicated security to the Navy's submarine fleet as they transit to and from homeport. CWO Michael Lemay is Commanding Officer of the Sea Fox and was present with Rear Admiral Gary T. Blore, the 13th Coast Guard District's new Commander, and Master Chief Petty Officer Charles Bowen, USCG, at the commissioning.

The Sea Fox is named after a diesel-electric submarine of the Baleao Class, USS Sea Fox SS-402. It was transferred to the Turkish Navy after its decommissioning on 14 December, 1970. ■



New CG Headquarters' Ground Has Been Broken

All agencies of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will eventually be housed in the same sprawling complex. A four-year construction plan will permit consolidation of each of the agencies' now-diverse locations into one convenient Washington, DC complex. The largest of the DHS agencies, the United States Coast Guard, will be first, having a move-in year now slated for 2013-2014.



On 9 September 2009 DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano presided over the groundbreaking ceremony for this initial first phase of the huge project. Clark Construction Group of Bethesda, Maryland was awarded the \$435.4 million U. S. General Services Administration (GSA) contract to build the Coast Guard's new headquarters. Of this, \$162 million of these repurposing funds have come from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The sprawling land parcel is in one of the city's poorest neighborhoods and is part of the old St. Elizabeth's western campus, east of the Anacostia River. The land is unpopulated, secluded, and already owned by the United States Government.



Rendering of DHS complex by Perkins & Will
Online at flickr

Bloggers to www.flickr.com have tried to visualize the merging of the historic St. Elizabeth's compound with the massive DHS complex, providing this flickr-posted rendering by Perkins & Will of the proposed complex. St. Elizabeth's is drawn to the left in the distant background of the Perkins & Will rendering.

According to *Engineering News-Record (ENR)* notice online in August 2009, this project is the GSA's largest stimulus-funded project. *ENR* also states that the Chicago-based architectural design group Perkins & Will created the preliminary designs and bridging documents for the 1.2 million-square-foot U.S. Coast Guard building. A 1,000 car parking garage is also planned for CG usage.

According to an article from the *Washington Post*, cited by Patrick Wills in his current Division Six newsletter *The Flag Hoist*, the project is projected to create about 26,000 construction jobs — a boost to local area workers. But, there are historic preservationists already worrying that the project could ruin the panoramic views of the city from this now-vacant land. Indeed, the aged building known as St. Elizabeth's was once part of a huge mental health compound. It was conceived by Dorothea Dix who successfully persuaded Congress in 1852 to part with \$100,000 to fund a 'model' psychiatric hospital for the disabled and insane. ☐

Thirteenth District Chaplain Has Been Re-assigned to Chicago

The 13th District's Chaplain, Bryan Finch, CDR, CHC, USN, has been re-assigned to Chicago. In his 9 July e-mail to AllUsers, the Navy Chaplain who has served the U.S. Coast Guard here for several years made his departure on July 15th after writing to those in his care, "*The impact that you have made on my life and career have been profound,*" he said, adding, "*I'm very proud to have been associated with Thirteenth Coast guard District and the U.S. Coast Guard serving as your Chaplain.*" His relief is LCDR Alan Lenz, CHC, USN who was present to offer the opening Chaplain's prayer at the D-13 Auxiliary's Fall Conference in Tukwila, Washington in September. ☐



A regular tongue-in-jowl feature by the Editor, Bonnie Schiesswohl SO-PB 130-02



He's just a sweet porker at heart.

Bleu loves all the good stuff Auxiliarists do to promote safety in the recreational boating public. He never did get to meet that bluish purple porcine that was at one of the district conferences a few years ago. (Does anyone out there know what happened to her?) Oh well. He has a way of finding new friends. Remember when Thomas the (blue) Tank Engine visited the Eastside a year or so ago? That acquaintance was short lived. But, lo and behold, a new friend has come to work, and stay, in Division 2. Coastie, the USCGA's adorable little blue and white radio-controlled tugboat has arrived (thanks to the financial investment of Flotilla 25 membership funds.) Here's a hooray for Bleu Hogge. He has a new, true blue friend, if only in his head!

TUG. A vessel for towing in and out of harbours and the like.

STEAM TUG. Same as above, only with a steam engine; used for towing ships.

TO TUG. Now (1807) signifies "to hand on the oars but get little or nothing ahead." (kind of like trying to row forward in a round liferaft.)

TUGG. A heavy sort of wain or cart, on which the ship-timber for naval arsenals was formerly conveyed from Sussex (England.)

Definitions are from ADM Wm. H. Smyth's 1807 edition "Sailor's Word Book", later combined to form Chapman's "The

"Oh yea, that's right. Scratch right there. Get the port side gun-wale, too, would ya please."

RADIO-CONTROLLED. "Used to describe a device whose operation or movement is controlled from a distance using a transmitter, often handheld, that send radio signals to the device."

Definition from Microsoft's *ENCARTA World English Dictionary*.

AUX Photo/BJ Schiesswohl

CAN YOU READ THIS? Only 55 out of 100 can.

[TNN thanks TCT Instructor Sonya Quitslund 04-08 for sharing the following research page.]

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"I was gratified to be able to answer promptly. I said, I don't know."

Mark Twain

Free Language Classes & Media Libraries Online

Education Services Officer Brion Newman, Integrated Support Command Seattle, has gathered a handy list of e-book and e-learning addresses, primarily for language learners.

Google has the world's largest online library, in many languages, and free online. <http://books.google.com/>

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Navy Knowledge Online. Register for both Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) classes online through the Joint Language University (JLO) online and enjoy free language learning classes. NKO also has **an online library of newspapers** from around the world. <https://wwwa.nko.navy.mil/portal/home/>

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary C-School schedules are now available.



Gail Venezia, Director, National Training Department, USCGA notified top Member Training Officers on 14 September that C-School schedules are now available for purview on the new C-School portal at <http://cschool.auxservices.org/>.

Auxiliarists may want to check this for empty seat availability in the C-School's LAMS course scheduled for the week of 19 October at the base.

Also, AUXSCE (NOT a C-School class but rather the AUXSAR replacement) *may* have openings left for the class scheduled to be held in Seattle this November. Check the Member Training calendar for this.

COMPUTER TRAINING

ESU Seattle continues to offer free computer program training to Auxiliarists. These require pre-registration. You may also call the ESU SW III instructors at 206.217.6196.

THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR INTERNS IN THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE THIS SUMMER

FYI. You are invited to read about four carefully selected college students who have assisted the Director of the Auxiliary this summer: Corey Christiansen, Regina Lowe and Erin Brewer, and Alyson Andrews. Andrews' article introducing each of them was published in the *Buoy 13* Summer Issue 2009.

A Student Courtesy Reminder Regarding All Class Registration



Please note the photo at left. There are empty chairs. In fact, nearly one-third of the Auxiliarists who signed up for this course (shown in progress) were no-shows.

Well, things happen. We all know that. Circumstances sneak up on folks and override their good intentions. But, what these no-shows apparently didn't know is that *if* they had called the person they had originally registered for the class with, he could have filled their reserved spots with other interested Auxiliarists who were on waiting lists after the class closed when it hit maximum capacity. ☐

KUDOS FOR ATTAINMENT

AWARDS

Operations Service Award w/"O" Device
Theodore (Ted) Schiesswohl FL 02-02

Public Education Service Award w/"E" Device
Ted Schiesswohl FL 02-02

DIVISION AWARD

A first place ribbon for Personnel Services, Division 2, was brought home from Fall Conference by the DCDR.

QUALIFICATIONS

No submittals

TIME and SERVICE

No submittals



COURSEWORK

CG Information Systems Security (ISS)
Ted Schiesswohl FL 02-02

CG Business Intelligence Basic Course
Ted Schiesswohl FL 02-02

NOTE: If you were recently given an award, are a new member (with an assigned number) or have completed a class or quals, and have not on appeared here, ask you FC to send the details to TNN.



AUX Photo/S. Dittberner
Above, John Burreson DCDR 2 holds the Division 2 ribbon award to be attached to the Division 2 Auxiliary unit flag.



Carl Zabransky

Carl Zabransky crossed the bar in early June 2009. He was a longtime member of Flotilla 02-03 and was active in the Auxiliary for many years. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Services were held on June 13th at Evergree-Washeli in Seattle.

Division Two Auxiliarist Honored as DIRAUX's Auxiliarist of the Week

True North News (TNN) editor Bonnie Schiesswohl Bellevue's Flotilla 02-02 was both impressed and honored when she received a phone call from Admiral Gary T. Blore in September. His call was to thank her for her direct support to the Coast Guard and further expressed his gratitude to the Auxiliary as a whole for their voluntary assistance.

Schiesswohl had been nominated to the D-13 Director of the Auxiliary's (DIRAUX) program as Auxiliarist of the Week for the week beginning September 7, 2009, and posted online.

Direct support to the U. S. Coast Guard as a CG Life Raft Inspector was the especial service the Admiral was expressing Coast Guard gratitude for. The web posting also pointed out her administrative role as Officer of Publications. She also assists at Team Coordination Training (TCT) classes and is a past active Vessel Examiner and PE class participant, is a past Public Affairs officer and lighthouse docent, and a past Flotilla Commander.

Bonnie Schiesswohl's direct support activities in Sector Seattle began with the Letter of Designation as an Asst. Harbor Safety Specialist, signed by a past Captain of the Port, CPT Danny Ellis. In 2007 she received the Life Raft Inspector designation under the immediate past Captain of the Port, Stephen P. Metruck.

According to hours she has reported so far this year, in 2009 she has directly supported Marine Safety by rendering 147 volunteer hours and volunteered an additional 449 hours in support of various Coast Guard Auxiliary missions and in CG backfill tasking.

She and husband Ted Schiesswohl DDC-L, are the first couple in this district to each individually receive this recognition. (He was nominated Auxiliarist of the Week for the week beginning 26 December 2008 under RADM John Currier.)

The "Auxiliarist of the Week" recognition is generated from nominations submitted to the DIRAUX office. The recognition is considered a great honor and currently requires the signed authorization of the Thirteenth District Commodore, Admiral Gary T. Blore. ☐




Bonnie J. Schiesswohl
Flotilla 02-02

SATISFACTION

Three years ago the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Thad Allen, augmented policy regarding the Auxiliary with the new directive to his forces, "Every commander, commanding officer, officer-in-charge, and program manager shall work closely with their Auxiliary counterparts to fully leverage the resources, skills, qualifications, and profound dedication that reside within the Coast Guard Auxiliary...."

This apparently is working. According to our DIRAUX, LCDR Andre Billeaudeau, Lt. Mathew Dooris, USCG, CHDS created a graphic using survey data illustrated that thirty-six percent of total Auxiliary member satisfaction results from the combined ability categories of working with Active Duty CG and performing Operational Missions. Billeaudeau's conclusion is that *"the more an Auxiliarist gets to perform Coast Guard missions, the happier they are."*

The challenge for the Coast Guard of course is that overall leveraging directive from the Commandant. A photo of past District 13 Commodore Bill Houger (130-02-01) appeared in the U.S. Coast Guard's Winter 2008-09 issue of *Proceedings*. The snap was taken at the dock where Houger's facility was moored by a guardian, Petty Officer Eric J. Chandler. . It was during that publicized holiday weekend at Wanapum Lake in Washington. The *Proceedings* article, *"The Successful Use of the Auxiliary in the Sector"* was written by Auxiliarist Michael LaRue, S.T.M., M.S. who has for several years now assisted on the planning staff at USCG Sector Delaware Bay. He has been good at expressing the valuable contributions of Auxiliarists, the tangled bureaucracy of ironing out paperwork and issues of conflict where Auxiliarists find satisfaction in 'belonging' yet remain invisible in some electronic information management settings. LaRue's article did not mince words on the shortcomings of Auxiliarists when it comes to issues like wearing of the uniform and whom salutes whom. He references 'attractive' missions such as SARs but there are many ways Auxiliarists give without expecting money. Acknowledgment seems to be key and gratitude shown with an habitual "thank you" seems to be a powerful motivator. LaRue, who is a rare materials cataloguer and researcher with expertise in naval, military, and maritime history, says *"The Coast Guard needs all the help it can get, and we should be grateful for the foresight of those in the Coast Guard in the 1930s who saw the need for such a force of volunteers."* 

To read the complete article by Michael LaRue, please visit www.uscg.mil/proceedings and select the Winter 2008-09 issue.

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Moorage available at Oak Harbor Marina, see enclosed document for information.

There is a place to park RVs, but there are no hook ups or water. If you are interested contact: **Richard Coons, DCAPT (elect) (H) 360-966-8822 (C) 360-220-0747**

CALENDAR

The Month of SEPT is National Preparedness Month

- 9 & 10 OCT **GNATS** (Great Northern Area Training Session) weekend.
Skagit Valley College. Oak Harbor, WA.
- 13 OCT **Division Two Meeting.** Tuesday night. Pier 36; Bear Room. 1900.
- 16 OCT Moon rises in Seattle, WA at 0453 and sets at 1622
- 31 OCT Halloween
- 1 NOV **Daylight Savings Time ENDS** (turn you clocks back)
- 11 NOV **ELECTIONS !** Division 2. Tuesday night. Pier 36; Bear Room. 1900.
- 27 NOV Deadline for *TNN* submittals (Nov-Dec issue)



Coming up next year, Change of Watch will be held 9 January 2009. Details tba.

FOR COMPLETE CALENDAR

Please go to the **Division 2** website found within the **D-13** site:
<http://www.d13002cgaux.org> and click "calendar" button.

District 13 Web Directory: Find what you need at <http://www.d13cgaux.org>

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary D-13: Please visit the Internet Homepage: <http://www.d13002cgaux.org>

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary e-News: Current and past issues are at <http://www.auxadept.org/enews>

U.S. Coast Guard Internet Homepage: Please visit www.uscg.mil

[A very important resource site for all audiences seeking relevant, important, and timely CG information]

National USCGA web site: Please visit [cgau.org](http://www.uscg.mil)

PHOTO ARCHIVES, BLOGS, OTHER SITES

D13 AUX Homeport Community: Please visit homeport.uscg.mil/community/CGD13AUXTasking

USCG Auxiliary Blog Site: Please visit <http://d13cgaux.blogspot.com>

USCG Visual Imagery Gallery: Please visit <http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/mail.php>

Auxiliary History: Please visit these archives at <http://www.history.auxpa.org/>

MORE SITES

(Erin Brewer, the newest intern of the four at DIRAUX, recommends these:)

DIRAUX. Please visit them at www.uscg.mil/d13/diraux

Maritime Information Initiative (MII) Please visit at www.chds.us

DIRAUX on Twitter. Please visit and follow them at www.Twitter.com/d13DIRAUX

D-13 Auxiliary on YouTube. Please visit www.YouTube.com/user/d13AUX



For iCommandant:, please visit <http://www.uscg.mil/comdt/blog/>
(and watch for a series of leadership quest blogs)

Member Training and PE Class calendars are also accessible from the Division 2 web site. When a web site is not up-to-date, or IF you cannot find the answers to your questions, please contact your flotilla unit's Member Trainer (FSO-MT) or your Public Education (FSO-PE) officer.

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